

## House Resolution No. 1772

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Betty L. Thompson of University City has attained considerable distinction as a business owner, governmental employee, radio host, and former state representative; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thompson recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was nominated for the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award which is given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri organization in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

**Whereas**, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman whose commitment and determination have resulted in highly positive contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation related to equal opportunities for all Missourians in education, housing, employment, and other important aspects of society; and

**Whereas**, born on December 3, 1939, Betty Thompson is a 1958 graduate of Sumner High School who continued her education at Hubbards Business College, Washington University, and Harris Stowe State College; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thompson served on the University City Council for eighteen years and was first elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in a special election conducted in August 1997; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thompson is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of Better Family Life, the president of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Saint Louis Support Group, a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission, a past president of Women in Municipal Government, and a past president of PTO; and

**Whereas**, Betty Thompson is the beloved wife of Jack and the loving mother of Anthony, Tyrone, Sonja, and Kwame:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved nomination of Betty Thompson for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Betty L. Thompson of University City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks  
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1772, adopted April 4, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker